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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Remarks

The Applicant is *requested* to state on the record the corresponding structure in the specification for each and every means plus function limitation in the claims. Where the specification fails to *adequately link* the corresponding structure, material, or acts in the specification with the particular means plus function limitations of the claims, as is the case in this Application, the Examiner may require the Applicant to either (a) state on the record or (b) amend the specification to state the corresponding structure, material or acts to perform the recited function. MPEP 2181, p. 2100-219 particularly the paragraph beginning at the bottom of column 1 and ending in column 2. This information would be helpful in preparing the next Office action.

The Assignee's help is also *requested* in obtaining copies of the following articles from the Microsoft Systems Journal, which is published and owned by the Assignee:

May/June 1992 — Vol 7 No 3

Investigating Object Linking and Embedding, Part II: Adding Server Support
Paul Klemond

March/April 1992 — Vol 7 No 2

Taking the Bull by the Horns: Investigating Object Linking and Embedding, Part I
Paul Klemond

Sept./Oct. 1991 — Vol 6 No 5

Windows™ Version 3.1--Hello to TrueType™, OLE, and Easier DDE; Farewell to Real Mode
Charles Petzold

The references are described at the Assignee's web site at the following URL:

<http://www.microsoft.com/msj/backissues86.aspx>

Response to Amendment filed on November 24, 2003

The reply filed on November 24, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The Applicant's reply does not comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because the remarks do not specifically point out how newly added claims 95-98 are patentable over the prior art of record. Although the Applicant argues that claims 21-80, 82, and 84-94 are patentable over the prior art of record because they are limited to systems where the client and server applications run on a single machine, this limitation does not appear in the language of claims 81, 83, and 95-97. The Applicant has therefore not explained the specific distinctions that render claims 81, 83, and 95-97 patentable over the prior art of record, particularly in view of the Examiner's response to arguments in the Office action mailed on May 21, 2003 (paper no. 21) at page 10 lines 16-22 and in the attachment to the advisory action mailed on October 17, 2003 (paper no. 24). See 37 CFR 1.111(b).

Conclusion

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a time period of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Caldwell, whose telephone number is (703) 306-3036. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by phone fail, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess, can be reached at (703) 305-4792. Additionally, the fax numbers for Group 2100 are as follows:

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Fax Responses: (703) 872-9306

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist at (703) 305-9600.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Caldwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" at the end.

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